



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT

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MULTI-PURPOSE LICENSES -- RENEWALS

1. Eligibility:

- Any Rhode Island resident who held a valid multi-purpose license as of December 31, 2002 may renew their license by obtaining a new *Multi-Purpose License*, if the data reporting requirements for 2002 have been met.
- Any Rhode Island resident who held a valid multi-purpose/gill net license as of December 31, 2002 may renew their license by obtaining a new *Multi-Purpose License with a Gill Net endorsement*, if the data reporting requirements for 2002 have been met.
- Any Rhode Island resident who held a valid multi-purpose license and had a permit for one or more fish traps as of December 31, 2002 may renew their license by obtaining a new *Multi-Purpose License with a Fish Trap endorsement*, if the data reporting requirements for 2002 have been met.

2. Available Licenses and Endorsements in 2003 for Multipurpose License Holders:

(1) Multi-Purpose License (\$300):

- This license allows the holder to harvest and sell *any marine species that can be legally harvested in Rhode Island waters at full harvest and gear levels* in accordance with applicable regulations (provided, however, that vessels may not harvest or sell more than 200 pounds of summer flounder per day without a valid summer flounder exemption permit, regardless of the types of license(s) held by the individuals aboard those vessels).
- For listing of all applicable regulations governing finfish, lobsters, crabs, and shellfish, see DEM's website (www.state.ri.us/dem) and click "topics" then "marine fisheries"; as well as hand-outs available at DEM's Office of Boat Registration and Licensing.

(a) With Gill Net Endorsement (\$20)

- This endorsement allows the holder to set one or more *gill nets* in accordance with applicable regulations. The endorsement is available only to individuals licensed to fish gill nets as of December 31, 2002.

(b) With Fish Trap Endorsement (\$20/Location)

- This endorsement allows the holder to employ one or more *fish traps* in accordance with existing permit conditions as of December 31, 2002. The endorsement is available only to individuals authorized to employ fish traps as of December 31, 2002.

3. When and How to Apply:

- New licenses and endorsements for 2003 will be available between January 1, 2003 and February 28, 2003. Renewals may be obtained beginning December 16, 2002. Applications may be made in person at DEM during regular business hours up to the close of business on February 28, or sent to DEM via mail with a postmark no later than February 28, 2003. *The Department cannot accept any applications for the 2003 license year, including renewal applications, after February 28, 2003.*

4. Information to be Provided with Each Application:

- Full name
- Age
- Occupation
- Residence address
- Mailing address
- Weight
- Height
- Hair color
- Eye color
- The name of any state or jurisdiction in which your commercial fishing license and/or permit is currently revoked or suspended
- Driver's License number and state of issuance, or other state-issued photo identification card
- Primary gear type you intend to employ (non-binding)
- Signature

5. Declaration of Any Vessel Employed in the Commercial Fishery:

- All vessels engaged in commercial fishing in Rhode Island waters must be declared annually with the Department in the form of a Vessel Declaration *before* they are so employed. This declaration requirement is in addition to the vessel registration requirement.
- If an individual employs more than one vessel in commercial fishing, each must be declared.

- The following information must be provided for each vessel declared:
 - Name of owner
 - Name of vessel, if any
 - Registration and/or federal permit number
 - Length overall
 - Horsepower
 - Displacement
 - Gear type(s)
 - Principal fisheries in which it will be deployed
 - Number in crew
- The fee for each vessel declaration is:
 - \$25 for vessels up to and including 25 feet in length overall.
 - 50¢/foot for each whole foot over 25 feet.
- Owners of declared vessels less than 25 feet long may obtain a license plate that may be used on another undeclared vessel less than 25 feet in length, allowing that other vessel to be temporarily employed in the commercial fishery for a period of up to 60 days. The fee for this license plate is \$15/year.